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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN

SUBJECT: STRAUSS/HAFERKAMP/USHIBA TOKYO ROUND MEETINGS
APRIL 10

1. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS COMPLETED A PRODUCTIVE SERIES OF
BILATERAL AND PLURILATERAL MEETINGS APRIL 10 WITH KEY
MTN PARTICIPANTS (BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES).
MAIN RESULTS WERE:

(A) CONFIRMATION BY BIG 3 THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED
TO CONCLUDE AN OVERALL POLITICAL AGREEMENT IN THE TOKYO
ROUND BY MID-JULY;

(B) MOVEMENT TOWARD A CONVERGENCE OF U.S.-EC VIEWS
ON BETTER DISCIPLINE OVER SUBSIDIES IN CONTEXT OF CODE ON
SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES;

(C) AGREEMENT TO PURSUE BILATERAL REQUEST/OFFER
DISCUSSIONS ON AGRICULTURE WITHOUT UNNECESSARY DELAYS;

(D) PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES
AMONG BIG 3 ON DELICATE ISSUE OF SELECTIVITY IN SAFEGUARDS;

(E) AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND EC TO EXAMINE
SCOPE FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE NON-AGRICULTURAL
TARIFF OFFERS BEFORE CONSIDERING WITHDRAWALS;

(F) AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPAN TO AIM FOR
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COMPLETION BY JUNE 1 OF ALL ISSUES UNDER NEGOTIATION
BETWEEN THEM IN MTN;

(G) AGREEMENT BY JAPAN TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POSITION
ON TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE;

(H) AGREEMENT AMONG BIG 3 TO ACCELERATE WORK ON A
PACKAGE OF RESULTS IN FRAMEWORK GROUP AND "SPECIAL AND
DIFFERENTIAL" (S&D) MEASURES FOR LDCS;

(I) AGREEMENT AMONG BIG 3 TO DO THEIR BEST TO
BRING THE STANDARDS CODE, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE, AND
CUSTOMS VALUATION TO POINT OF AGREEMENT IN EARLY MAY; AND

(J) AGREEMENT AMONG BIG 3 FOR FOLLOW-UP SESSION
JUNE 20-21 IN U.S. (EITHER WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK) AND IN
GENEVA IN EARLY JULY.

2. ALTHOUGH SOME MEETINGS WERE HARD NEGOTIATING SESSIONS,
PARTICULARLY WITH THE JAPANESE, THE BILATERAL AND PLURI-
LATERAL MEETINGS WERE MARKED BY A CONTINUATION AND FURTHER
ENHANCEMENT OF THE EXCELLENT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND

MUTUAL RESPECT THE THREE LEADERS HAVE DEVELOPED. THEY ALL KNOW THERE ARE DIFFICULT ISSUES TO RESOLVE, NONE WILL BE EASY AND NO ONE WILL GET EVERYTHING HE WANTS, BUT THEY RECONFIRMED THEIR PERSONAL PLEDGES TO CONCLUDE THE TOKYO ROUND WITH SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS.

3. AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSIONS ON APRIL 10 WITH THE EC BUILT ON THE INTENSIVE U.S.-EC REVIEW IN COPENHAGEN LAST WEEK WITH VICE PRESIDENT GUNDELACH, AND REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON. THE EC ASKED FOR PATIENCE IN PURSUING PRODUCT-SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL IT CAN COMPLETE WITHIN THE NEXT 30 DAYS ITS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE INTERNAL NEGOTIATIONS ON PRICING LEVELS.
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4. AMBASSADOR STRAUSS MET BILATERALLY ALSO WITH AUSTRALIAN MINISTER VIC GARLAND AND CANADIAN MTN COORDINATOR JAKE WARREN. OTHER EVENTS OF THE DAY INCLUDED A TRIPARTITE-HOSTED LUNCHEON WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER KEY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, A BRIEF TRIPARTITE MEETING WITH GATT DG LONG, A TRIPARTITE MEETING WITH 32 DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES (WHERE THE GENERAL TONE WAS GOOD, WITH LDC REPS REPEATING FAMILIAR MISGIVINGS ABOUT VALUE OF MTN TO THEM AND U.S.-EC EMPHASIZING NEED FOR SOME CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LDCS), AND A COCKTAIL PARTY HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSS FOR ALL HEADS OF DELEGATION IN THE TOKYO ROUND.

5. IN SUM, APRIL 10 MARKED ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN KEEPING THE TOKYO ROUND ON SCHEDULE FOR MID-JULY WINDUP WITH SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS ON KEY COUNTRY AND SUBJECT AREAS WILL BE FORWARDED TO SELECTED ADDRESSEES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. MCDONALD

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